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State Science and Technology Programme
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Science and Technology (S&T) programmes have been implemented in all the States in the country;

(b) if so, the amount allocated and expenditure incurred on establishing these State S&T programmes;

(c) whether there was a need for setting up State S&T programmes and the manner in which the Ministry is assisting various States in developing their S&T departments;

(d) the research support likely to be provided to these State departments from the Centre after these departments have been established at State level;

(e) the manner in which the Ministry monitors the progress of this project and the details of qualitative mechanisms devised so that funds sanctioned are properly utilised; and

(f) the reasons for delay in completion of the projects, if any and the proposed timeline for the implementation of the programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
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(gÃ‰Ã‰Ã’ Â´Ã‰Ã‰<Ã‡. AÂºÃ‰. SÃ‰Ã‰Ã¨vÃ‰Â®Ã‰Ã’)
(a) Yes Madam, the Department of Science & Technology has been implementing the State S&T Programme in all the States through State Science and Technology Councils established for the purpose. The State Governments of J&K and Odisha have not submitted the proposal for setting up State S&T Councils in their States. The main aim of the programme is to facilitate State S&T Councils to play a linkage role between centre and state for developing and implementing state specific scientific, technology development and demonstration programmes/projects.

(b) The amount allocated to these State S&T Councils State wise during the Financial Year 2015-16 is given in Annexure-I. The utilization certificates in respect of the allocated amount by these councils are due after 30/6/2016.

(c) & (d): The Department does not provide support to S&T Departments in the States. However support is provided to the State S&T Councils established by this Department. These State S&T Councils plays a linkage role between centre and state for developing and implementing state specific scientific, technology development and demonstration programmes/projects.

(e) A national Committee comprising experts and members from various fields in Science and Technology including representations from State S&T Councils monitor the progress of the projects and their qualitative evaluation. The Committee generally assesses the projects on their scientific merits with which the projects have been sanctioned. It also monitor the proper utilization of funds released to them.

(f) Generally the projects are sanctioned for a duration of two to three years. By and large projects are completed on time.

Annexure-I

Year-wise and State-wise details of the funds allocated/sanctioned as core support to the State Science & Technology Councils under State Science & Technology Programme (SSTP) of DST during F.Y. 2015-16
Rs. in Lakhs
State Financial Year 2015-16
Andhra Pradesh 39.21
Arunachal Pradesh 118.53
Assam 118.60
Bihar 39.95
Chhattisgarh 98.80
Goa 89.25
Gujarat 74.60

Haryana 37.50
Himachal Pradesh 112.66
J&K 0.00
Jharkhand 65.80
Karnataka 114.20
Kerala 102.10
Madhya Pradesh 140.05
Maharashtra 26.40
Manipur 99.45
Meghalaya 22.22
Mizoram 72.40
Nagaland 63.60
Orissa 0.00
Punjab 170.85
Rajasthan 167.25
Sikkim 98.97
Tamil Nadu 81.70
Telangana 84.50
Tripura 55.90
Uttar Pradesh 158.20
Uttarakhand 114.20
West Bengal 0.00
Total 2366.89
Figure 0.00 indicates that States not applied for the grant from DST.

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